A Confeslion of Faith,

Of the Holy Separated Church of GOD.

I Beleeve (a) in *one* (b) *Eternall Immortall invisible and onely wise God* (c) *whose name alone is Jehovah* (d) The Infinite (e) foreseer (f) and *Almighty* (g) *Creator* (h) *preserver* (i) and *governour* (k) of all things, both in heaven, and earth, Who is distinguished into *three which beare record in heavn, the Father, the word, and the holy Spirit* (l) And that the Eternall (m) Son, of the Eternall Father, to manifest *the free* (n) and *everlasting love* (o) and *manifold* (p) *rich* (q) *mercies* (r) *of God* (s) unto the sons of men (t) willingly came (u) and miraculously (w) *tooke* (x) *upon him* (y) our nature of Creation (z) * And was *conceived by the power* of *the holy Ghost* (a) *in* the *wombe* (b) of *the Virgin Mary* (c) of whom he was also *born* (d) that he might not onely be our God, but also our *Emanuell*, even *God with us* (e) being *sent* of God (f) *into the world* (g) and given (h) *from him* (i) *that whosoever believeth in him should not perish* (k) *but have everlasting life* (l) And for the satisfaction of Gods Justice (m) for *all* (n) *our sins and* (o) *iniquities* (p) and *to make* (q) *a perfect* (r) *peace* (s) and full *reconciliation* (t) *between* (u) *God* and *the sonnes of men* (w) that so they might *become the sons of God by faith in his name* (x) (y) (z) ** This *blessed* (a) *Saviour* (b) of Saints (c) The *Anointed* one of the *God* (d) of *Jacob humbled himselfe* (e) exceedingly, and bare *our griefs, and carried our sorrows* (f) And though he was always pure, even fully without *sin* (g) yet *according* to the Fathers appointment (i) *his owne selfe bare our sins in his owne body on the tree* (k) and was *an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour* (l) for us, which made us *acceptable to God* (m) *and* was *Crucified* (n) And pouring out *his soul unto death, Dyed*, Commending his *spirit into* the *hands* of his *heavenly Father* (o) *He bowed his head, And gave up the Ghost, Was pierced in his Side, Taken down from the Crosse, And buried* immediately, But *he rose againe the third day according to the Scriptures* (p) *The Evening and the Morning* being counted for the compleat Day, as it was *in the beginning* before the Sun or Moone was *created* (q) Which *Day* (r) he *hath made* (s) *holy* (t) for man to rest from all servile work (u) and to spend in the worship (w) and service of God, And *after he had shewed himself alive*, unto his *chosen Apostles, by many infallible prooves*, (x) *He ascended* (y) *up on high* (z) above *into* the glorious Heavens *** (a) where he is even *at the right hand of God* (b) making *intercession for us* (c) who gave Commission unto his *Disciples* (d) that they should teach his *disciples* to doe and *observe all things whatsoever* he *commanded* them (e) And sent the Spirit of Truth (f) according to his Promise (g) to lead them into all truth And to abide with (h) them, for their comfort, all the time of his absence from them, And to confirm their holy actions, amongst which, to erect Congregations *of Saints*, here, *on Earth* (h) with Ministers (i) *And administrations* (k) was a speciall thing (l) In which Most Excellent State (m) they holding *Repentance from dead works, and Faith towards God, the Doctrine of Baptismes, and the Laying on of hands, the Resurrection from the dead, and eternall Judgement*, must *goe on to Perfection* (n) in the constant and continual Practice of *the Great Mistery of Godlinesse*, according to the Direction of the blessed Word and *Spirit* (o) By which the *Man of Sin* (p) in *The Mistery of Iniquity* is discovered to be a *Church of Malignant men* (q) compacted together as One Man, to *establish Iniquity by a Law* and to set up *spirituall wickednesses, in high places*, Living in pride, idlenesse, and fulnesse of bread, and being without compassion of the poore, full of Tiranny, and violent rage against the Righteous (r) [illegible] their Righteous Souls with their Indean Conversations Shedding *the blood of* the precious *Saints and Prophets* (s) Therefore these [illegible] *are spiritually called Sodome and Egypt where our Lord was Crucified* (t) Bearing the names of *The Beast* (u) *Whore* (w) *of Babilon* (x) & *False Prophet* (y) whose end is utter destruction (z) **** And therefore I am throughly convinced in Conscience of the falseness of the malignant Church of *England*, And of the evill of all other States which are contrary to Christs Institutions, knowing that our great *high Priest*, who is *holy, harmeless, undefiled*, and *separated from sinners* (a) would have his people avoid all manner and measure of spirituall *Communion* (b) with such, he having called us (c) from the *fellowship* of *Devills* (d) and wicked men (e) that we may not in a way of spirituall worship *sit with mortall men of false vanity, nor goe in with dissemblers, but hate the Church of evill doers, and not sit with the wicked.* (f) Therefore according to Christs Institutions and Commandements being with my Seed (g) and substance (h) fully separated, not onely from them, but also from those, who communicate with them, either in their Publick Congregations, or private societies; I doe resolve, through the grace of the ever-living-God, who hath brought me out of Babell, never to returne to their vaine inventions, their humane devises, abominable Idolatries, nor superstitious high places which were built and dedicated to Idolatry, but to *abstaine from all appearance of evill* (i) *and* to *worship* God onely *in spirit and truth* (k) according to that manner, which he hath prescribed in his word, without adding or diminishing. (l) And through the light of the holy Scriptures, I clearly see, not onely the necessity of this holy way of Separation, in obedience to the heavenly Call, but also the great need of continuing in Christian Fellowship, Communion, and Society of Saints, And that to be of the Visible Particular Church of Christ, is most needfull for the Sains edification in this life; For to that heavenly company is *committed the Oracles of God* (m) By them the Kingly, Priestly, Propheticall, and Apostolicall Offices of Jesus Christ is to be set forth; For the King and *Lord* of all *administrations* (n) who is that great *Prophet* (o) And *the Apostle and high Priest of* their *profession* (p) *hath set in the Church first Apostles, secondarily Prophets* (q) *then Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers* (r) *For the gathering together, and perfecting, of the Saints, and for the worke of the Ministery, and for the edification of the body of Christ* (s) *untill the end of the world* (t) *Elders* hath he also appointed to be Rulers of his people (u) And Deacons (w) to provide for the Congregation of his poore, that they may *be called the City of righteousnesse, the faithfull City* (x) the *habitation of Justice, and mountaine of holinesse* (y) the excellent (z) Kingdom of grace, ***** wherein they may injoy *all* the Ordinances of God (a) according to their capability, with their communicable Harmony (b) *Diversities of guifts* (c) *Differences of Administrations*, (d) *and Operations* (e) according to the gracious dispensations of the *Spirit* of God (f) But the sweetest thing is Christs *name* (g) and presence (h) whereby it is knowne to be Syon (i) with whom he hath promised to be (k) and delighteth to *sit* (l) *even unto the end of the world* (m) though they be never so few in number (n) And I am more and more possessed with the thought of the excellency thereof, And of the sweet-closing-neer-communion which the Saints of God have with Christ therein (o) who allowes of particular *Churches* in any Nation (p) as he did of *the Seven Churches in Asia* (q) if so be that the great distance of place, exceeding *a Sabbath dayes journey* (r) drive them, or the greatnesse of their number (s) draw them, to branch out themselves into particular Societies, for their better edification. The *Body* or Church of Christ being alwayes one, (t) as at the first so at last, as there is *one Spirit*, And this Church, or Kingome of heaven, now upon Earth, is to *keep and seeke for all the commandments of the LORD* their *God* (u) And to *hold fast* (w) the *Covenant* (x) of their Fellowship (y) wherewith in the presence of the great God, whose glorious fulnesse *the heaven and* the *Heaven of heavens cannot contain* (z) they have solemnly bound themselves together, with their Posterity ****** (a) in this excellent State and Order of the Gospell, Unto which my soule is united, *For* the partaking of *all* his *Promises* (b) and injoyment of all his holy *Ordinances* (c) powerfully (d) According to his owne Institutions, *And* so *to walke in all his wayes* (e) According to his Revealed (f) *Will* (g) Earnestly desiring, expecting, and longing after, and patiently waiting and *looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of that great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ* (h) who *shall come* (i) *the second time, from heaven* (k) *in glory* (l) *with all his Saints* (m) *and all the holy Angells with him* (n) To *judge* both *the* living *and the dead* (o) And *shall in a moment, in the twinckling of an eye* (p) *change* (q) *our vile* (r) and *earthly bodies*, (s) And make them immortall (t) and *spirituall* (u) even *like unto his glorious body* (w) *And shall reward every man according to his workes* (x) *The wicked* (y) with *everlasting punishment* (z) who shall suffer *the vengeance of eternall fire* (a) *in hell* (b) But the Saints shall inherit *eternall Salvation* (c) *through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ* (d) whose *love* (e) *passeth knowledge* (f) And alwayes be in the favour *of God* the father, whose *peace passeth all understanding* (g) And injoy the *eternall glory* (h) and brightnesse, and *fullnesse* (i) *and be filled with all the* sweetnesse of the comfortable (k) *fellowship, of the* eternall *Spirit* (l) With all the holy Angells and glorified Saints in *heaven* (m) *For ever and ever* (n) more.

Amen.

(b) 1 Cor. 8. 6. (c) 1 Tim. 1. 17. (d) Isa. 37. 20. (e) Psalm. 147. 5. (f) Gal. 3. 8. Isa. 48. 3, 5–8. (g) Gen. 1. 1, 2, 28. Eph. 3. 9. Rev. 4. 11. (h) Psal. 36. 6. Job 7. 20. Isa. 9. 7. Act. 17. 26. (m) John 1. 1, 2, 3. (n) 1 John 4. 16. (o) Jer. 31. 3. (p) Neh. 9. 4. (r) Zech. 1. 16. (s) Isa. 54. 7, 8. & 55. 3. (t) Rom. 11. 40. 8, 9. (w) Luk. 1. 34, 35. 1. 14, 16, 17. John 1. 14. (x) Heb. 4. 15. (b) Lu. 1. 31. (c) v. 27. (d) Mat 1. 23. (f) John 10. 36. (h) John 6. 32, 33. (i) Joh. 7. 29. (k) Joh. 3. 16. (m) Rom. 8. 33, 34. Acts 13. Mich. 7. 19. 1 Joh. 1. 7, 9. Heb. 2. 14. (p) Isa. 53. 5, 6. 1 Joh. 1. 7 2 3. (r) Heb. 7. 25. Joh. 17 23. (t) Mich. 5. 5 Eph. 2. 14, 15. (u) Dan. 9. 24. (u) 1 Tim. 6. 3. 28. Psal. 68. 19. (x) Joh. 3. 1. (y) Gal 3. 26. (z) Acts 10. 43. 38. Ps. 21. 7. (b) 1 Joh. 1. 21. (d) Acts 10. 38. (e) Isa. 53 4. (g) 1 Pet. 2. 1. 15, 3, 4. (i) 1 Thes. 5. 9. (l) Eph. 5. 2. (m) 1 Pet. 1. 27. 35. (o) Luk. 23. 46. (q) Gen. 1. 5, 8, 13. (r) 14, 16, 21, 32, 39. (s) Isa. 58. 13. (u) Psal. 84. 2. Acts 2. (x) Acts 1. 2, 3. 5, 7. (y) Acts 1. 9–11. Luk. Eph. 4. 8. v. 10. & 9. 24. 1 Pet. 3. 22. Acts 1. (b) Marke 16. 19. Acts 3. 22. (c) Rom. 8, 34. (d) 19. (e) v. 20. (f) Acts 2. 6, 17, 26. & 15. 26. & 16. 18, 19, 20. Eph. 4. 8. 12. Rev. 1. 20. Tit. 1. 5. (k) (l) Eph. 4. 14–16. (m) 14. 11. (n) Heb. 6. 1, 2. –16. & 4. 1–13–16. (p) 12. (q) Ps. 26 5. (r) Rev. 5, 17. (s) Rev. 16. 6. & 17. 8. (u) Rev. 13. 1. 11, 14, 17. 1. (x) Rev. 17. 5, 18. & 19, 20 (z) Rev. 18. 2. 26. (b) 2 Cor. 6. 14–17. (d) 1 Cor. 10. 20, 21. (e) (f) Psal. 26. 4, 5. [g] V. 25, 26. [i] 1 Thes. 1. 4. 24. [l] Deut. 4. 2. Prov. 22. 18, 19. [m] Rom. 3. 5. [o] Acts 3. 22, 23. [p] 1 Cor. 12. 28. [r] Eph. 4. 11. [t] V. 13. Mat. 28. 1 Tim. 5. 17. Rom. 12. 8. Phil. 1. 1. 1 Tim. 3. 8–13. [y] Jer. 31. 23. [z] Psal. 28. 19, 20. 1 Cor. 2. 21, 22. 26. Eph. 5. 19. Col. 3. 16. [d] V. 5. [e] V. 6 [f] V. 11. 9. 6. [b] Mat. 18. 20. [i] 3. [k] 132. 13. [l] 14. [n] 18. 20. [o] Cant. Pf. 5 [p] 1 Cor. 16. 1. 2 Cor. 2. 14. [q] Rev. 1. 11. 2c. & Acts 1. 12. [s] Isa. 49. 20. [w] 1 Chro. 28. 8. [w] Heb. Jer. 50. 5. [y] 2 Cor. 6. King. 8. 27. Deut. 29. 11. [b] 2 Cor. 1. 21, 22. [c] Mat. 28. 19. 2. [d] 1 Cor. 4. 20. 1] Deut. 10, 12. [f] Phil. om. 2. 2. [b] Tit. 2. 13. [i] k] Heb. 9. 28. 1 Thes. 1. Thes. 4. 16. Mat. 25. 31. 5. 1 Thes. 3. 13. [n] Mat. 2 Tim. 4. 1. [p] 1 Cor. 15. [r] Philip. 3. 21. [t] 1 [u] V. 53, 54. [w] Ver. 44. 21. [x] Mat. 10. 27. [y] & Mat. 25. 46. h. 1. 8. [b] Ps. 9. 17, 18. Rev. c] Heb. 5. 9. [d] Acts 15. 11. 5–39. (f) Ephes. 3. 19. [b] 1 Pet. 5. 10. [i] Eph. Luke 16. 25. [l] Phil. 2. 1. –18. [n] Rev. 22. 5. [o] v. 21.